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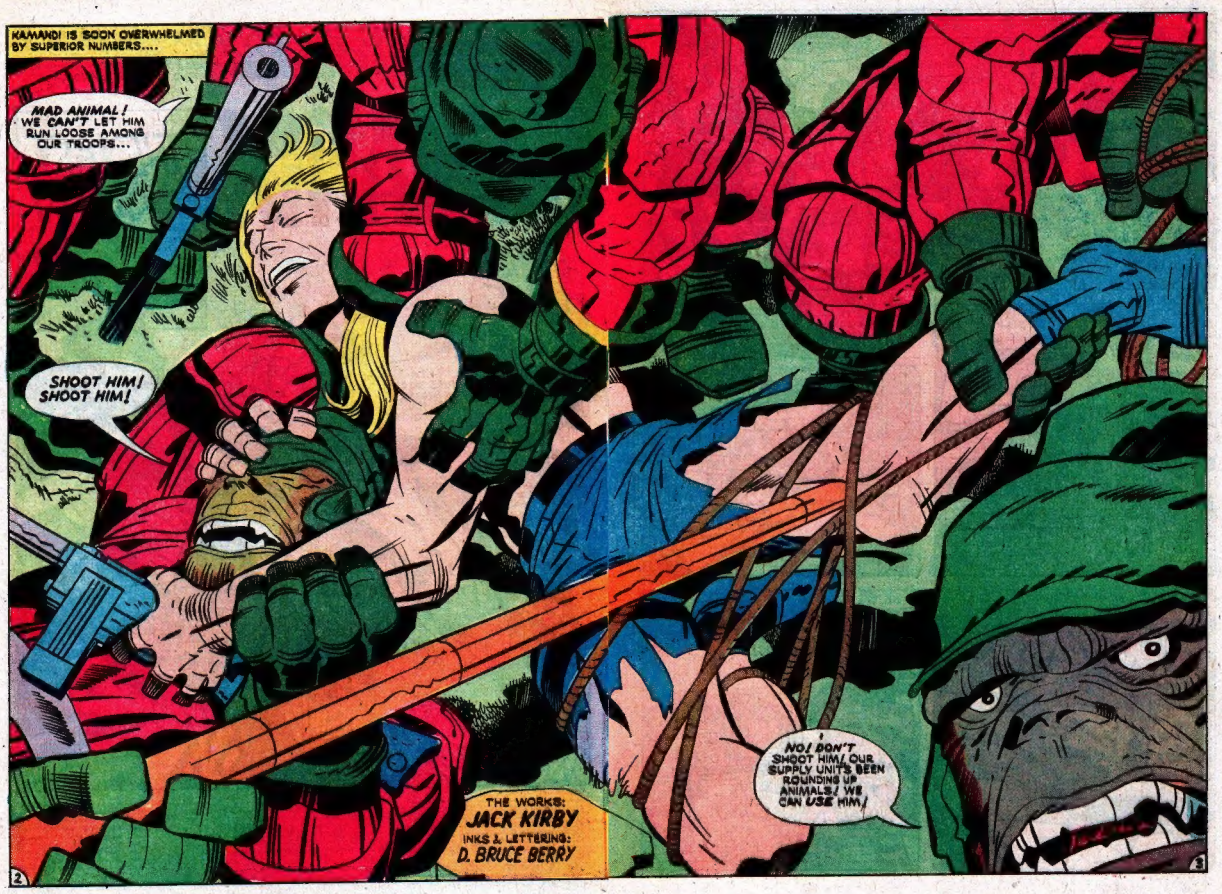
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MAD ANIMAL! WE CAN'T LET HIM RUN LOOSE AMONG OUR TROOPS...
SHOOT HIM! SHOOT HIM!
THE WORKS: JACK KIRBY
INKS & LETTERING: D. BRUCE BERRY
NO! DON'T SHOOT HIM! OUR SUPPLY UNITS BEEN ROUNDING UP ANIMALS! WE CAN USE HIM!
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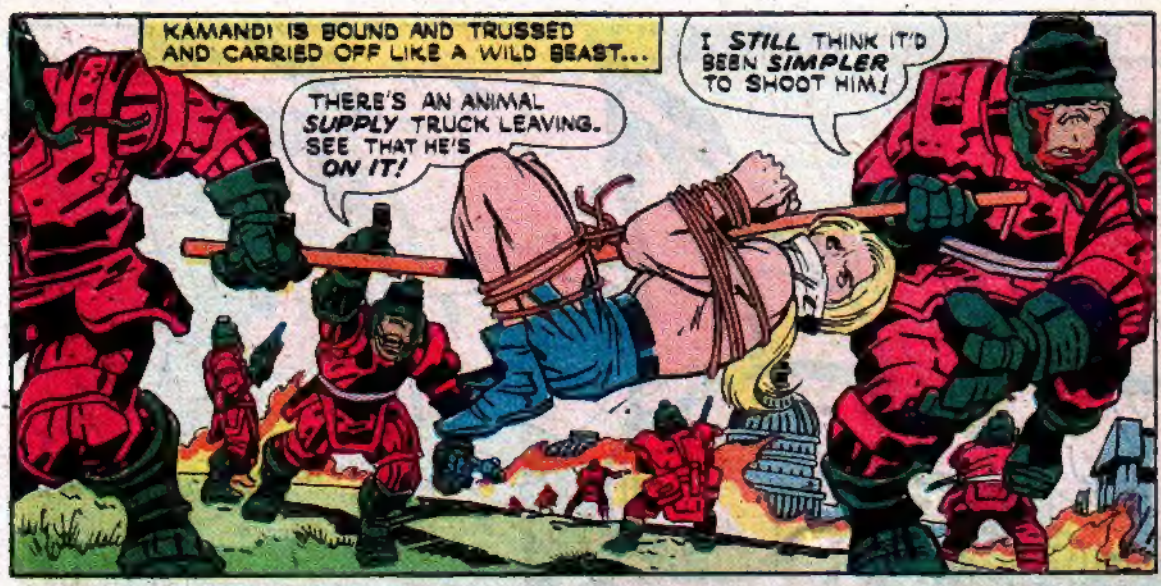
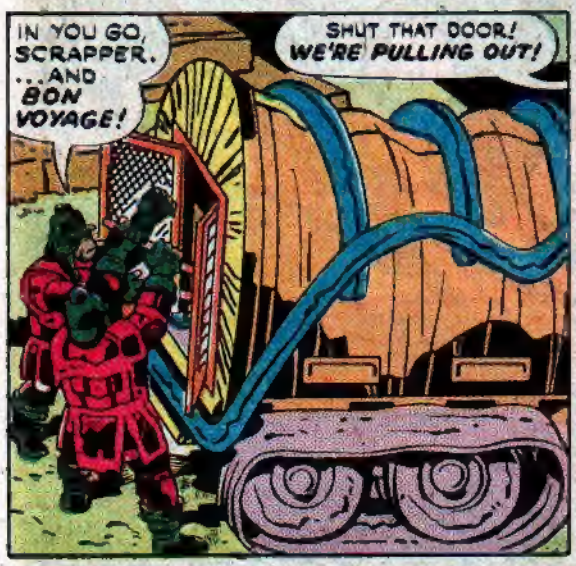
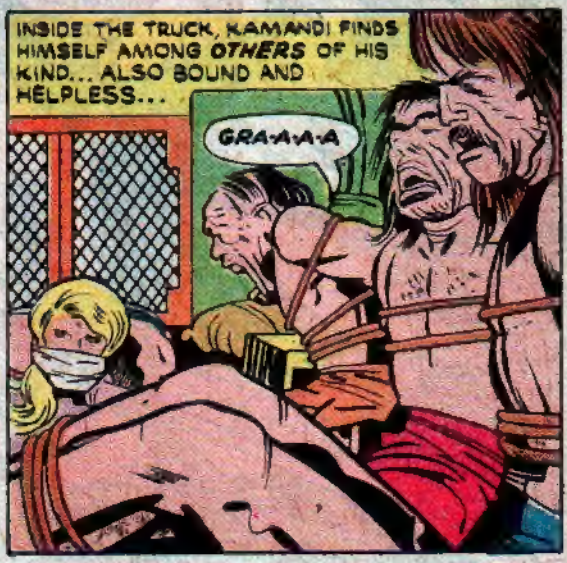
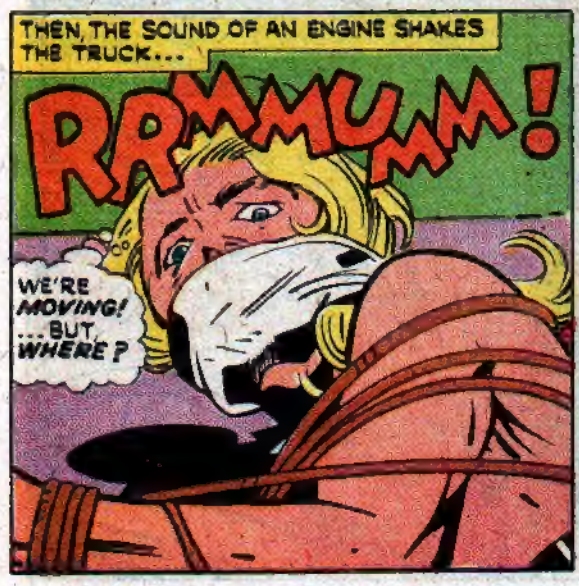

KAMANDI IS BOUND AND TRUSSED AND CARRIED OFF LIKE A WILD BEAST...
THERE'S AN ANIMAL SUPPLY TRUCK LEAVING. SEE THAT HE'S ON IT!
I STILL THINK IT'D BEEN SIMPLER TO SHOOT HIM!


IN YOU GO, SCRAPPER. ...AND BON VOYAGE!
SHUT THAT DOOR! WE'RE PULLING OUT!


INSIDE THE TRUCK, KAMANDI FINDS HIMSELF AMONG OTHERS OF HIS KIND... ALSO BOUND AND HELPLESS...
GRA-A-A-A


THEN, THE SOUND OF AN ENGINE SHAKES THE TRUCK...
RRMMUMM!
WE'RE MOVING! ...BUT WHERE?

TAKE 'EM AWAY!
THEY'LL BE A LOT MORE USEFUL TO THE PIONEER CORPS!
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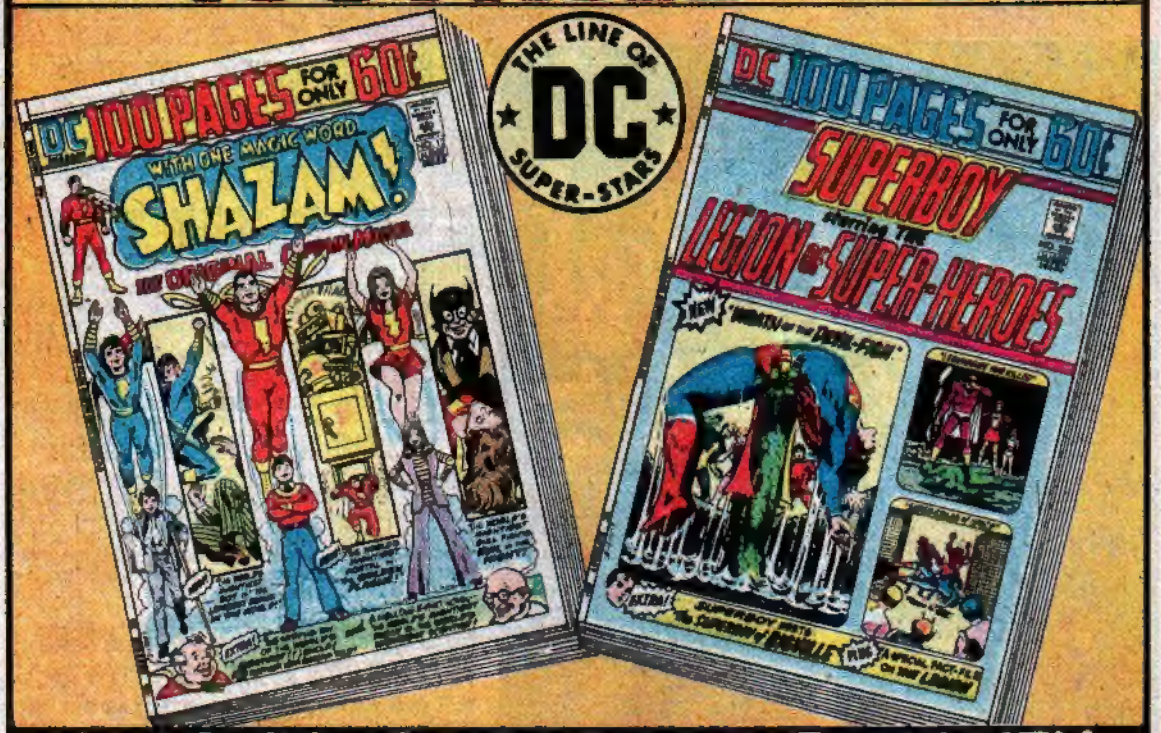

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SHROUDED IN *MYSTERY* AND MYTH, THE FABLED LAND OF WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS LONG BEEN HIDDEN IN TERRAIN WHICH THE *GREAT DISASTER* HAS TURNED INTO A THICK COVER OF MUTATED VEGETATION....THE APES COME AND GO *UNSEEN*...THEY MOVE VEHICLES AND SUPPLIES UNDER THE PROTECTIVE SHADOW OF SIGHTS NEVER IMAGINED IN BYGONE AGES...BUT EVEN STRANGER SIGHTS AWAIT THE TRAVELERS....

THE HUMAN GOPHERS OF OHIO!

TO SURVIVE THE GREAT DISASTER, PLANTS, AS WELL AS ANIMALS, HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO FORMS FAR REMOVED FROM THEIR EARLY BEGINNINGS....
LOOK OUT! THAT THING CAN SWALLOW US!
DON'T GET IN A SWEAT! THE ELECTRIC CABLES ACROSS THE TRUCK'S TOP WILL STOP IT!
WEST VIRGINIA IS SLASHED BY GIANT CHASMS ...WHAT STRIP MINING BEGAN, THE GREAT DISASTER HAS FINISHED...
I HATE THIS PART OF THE ROUTE! THESE CANYONS ARE UNSTABLE!
EVERY BUMP WE CROSS CAN SET OFF AN AVALANCHE OF ROCKS...
AAA... SHUT UP! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO... LIVE FOREVER?
LISTEN!...D'YA HEAR THAT RUMBLE?... THAT CRACKING SOUND...?
I HEAR IT!
KK-K RRAAK!
POUR ON THE FUEL! ...OR WE'LL BE SMASHED FLAT!
DON'T BUG ME!... I'M GIVING IT ALL THERE IS!

KKRRAAK!!
WE MADE IT! KEEP GOING!
SUDDENLY, THE ROAD STARTS TO CRUMBLE. THE FALLING TONS OF ROCK HAVE CRACKED OPEN STILL ANOTHER CHASM!
THE GROUND'S CAVING IN! YA-A-A-A!
GRRRI!INNNDD!!
WE'RE STUCK!
WE'LL FALL INTO THAT PIT!
THE CHURNING WHEELS FINALLY GET TRACTION... AND THE TRUCK PULLS AWAY...
INSIDE THE VEHICLE, IT'S HUMAN CARGO IS BESET BY HYSTERIA!!
EEEEYAAGH!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE? ...IT FELT LIKE AN EARTH-QUAKE!
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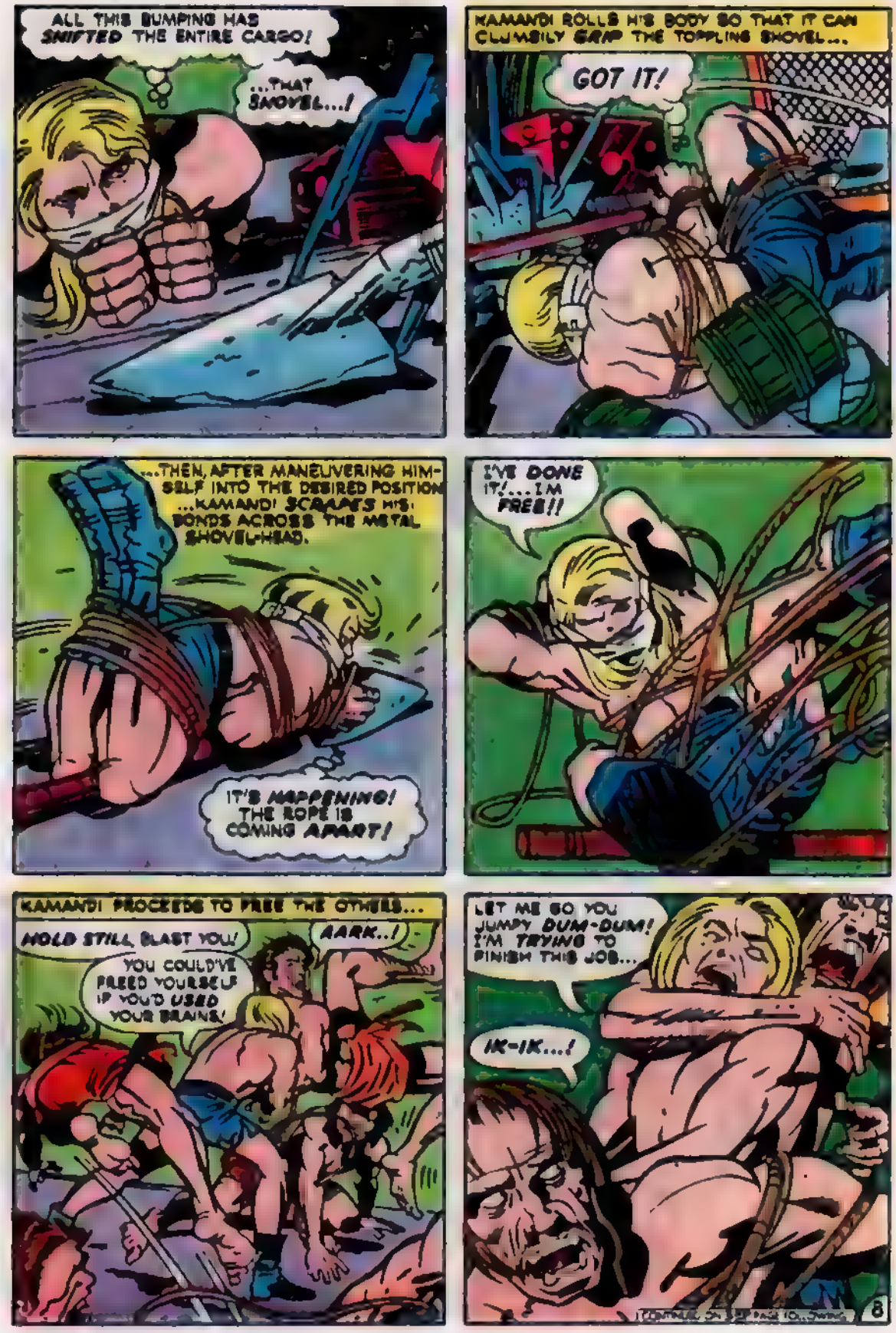
ALL THIS BUMPING HAS SHIFTED THE ENTIRE CARGO!
...THAT SHOVEL...!
KAMANDI ROLLS HIS BODY SO THAT IT CAN CLUMSILY GRIP THE TOPPLING SHOVEL...
GOT IT!
...THEN, AFTER MANEUVERING HIMSELF INTO THE DESIRED POSITION ...KAMANDI SCRAPES HIS BONDS ACROSS THE METAL SHOVEL-HEAD.
IT'S HAPPENING! THE ROPE IS COMING APART!
I'VE DONE IT!... I'M FREE!!
KAMANDI PROCEEDS TO FREE THE OTHERS...
HOLD STILL, BLAST YOU!
AARK..!
YOU COULD'VE FREED YOURSELF IF YOU'D USED YOUR BRAINS!
LET ME GO YOU JUMPY DUM-DUM! I'M TRYING TO FINISH THIS JOB...
IK-IK...!
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AT THAT MOMENT, THE APES STOP THE VEHICLE....
WHAT'S ALL THAT COMMOTION BACK THERE?
IT'S THE ANIMALS! THE LANDSLIDE MUST HAVE SPOOKED THEM!
BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU GO IN... THEY CAN BITE RIGHT THROUGH YOUR GLOVES...
BLOMP!
BLOMP!
LISTEN TO THAT THUMPING! THEY'VE GONE MAD IN THERE!
BLOMP!
THE DOORS ARE OPENED AND....
HOW IN BLAZES DID THEY BREAK LOOSE FROM THEIR ROPES!?
...BEATS ME!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE LOST THE LOT OF THEM!
...NOT ALL OF THEM, ...LOOK!
YEAH ..IT SEEMS THAT THIS ONE WAS KNOCKED DOWN IN THE RUSH!
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WELL, ONE IS BETTER THAN NONE... C'MERE, BONZO!
I'LL BELT 'IM ONE, TO SEE THAT HE STAYS UNDER CONTROL.
KAMANDI IS STRUCK A SHARP BLOW!
POW!
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE SCENE OF BATTLE... IN THE RUINS OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
I SUGGEST THAT WE PULL BACK, PRINCE TUFTAN. WE'RE ONLY A SMALL RAIDING FORCE AGAINST AN ARMY OF APES!
AND YOU, DOCTOR CANUS...WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE?
I'M A SCIENTIST... NOT A MILITARY STRATEGIST... YOU'VE DONE ALL YOU CAN TO FIND KAMANDI...
I SUPPOSE THE POOR ANIMAL'S BEYOND ALL HELP, NOW...
FATE IS NOT ALWAYS KIND. LET'S HOPE HE MET HIS END WITH LITTLE PAIN...
CAPTAIN! WE'LL RISK NO MORE OF GREAT CAESAR'S TIGERS! DISENGAGE FROM THE ENEMY! WE'RE LEAVING!
PRINCE TUFTAN IS WISE!
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KAMANDI MAY NOT BE IN THE BEST OF STRAITS, BUT HE'S VERY MUCH ALIVE. HIS DESTINY IS NOW ON WHEELS WHICH RUMBLE THROUGH TERRITORY WHERE A RICH HISTORY WAS *SNUFFED* OUT BY CATACLYSM...THE MIDWEST IS A *VAST*, SILENT, GHOST-LIKE RUIN. THERE ARE NAMES STILL LEGIBLE ON PLAQUES AND MARKERS. THEY MEAN NOTHING IN KAMANDI'S WORLD!

NOW YOU SEE IT...NOW YOU DON'T!! WE'RE ARRIVING IN....

VANISHVILLE!

CHAPTER THREE
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE PIONEER CAMP. I HOPE IT'S STILL THERE.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. THERE'S BEEN STRANGE TALK ABOUT... "DISAPPEARANCES."
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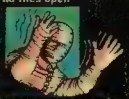

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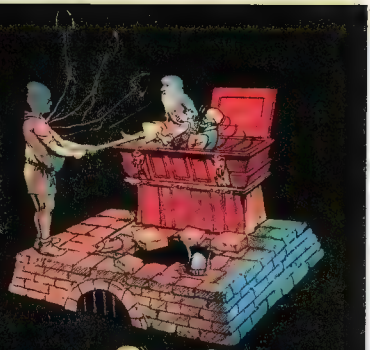

Grave Robber's Reward

This happy-go-lucky, unsuspecting fellow thinks he's discovered buried treasure just six feet down. But look out from behind! Up lifts the lid and... ZAP/ACTION! Out leaps the gruesome grabber, reaching out with cold clammy hands!

The Vampire's Midnight Madness

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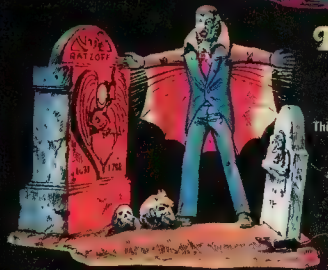

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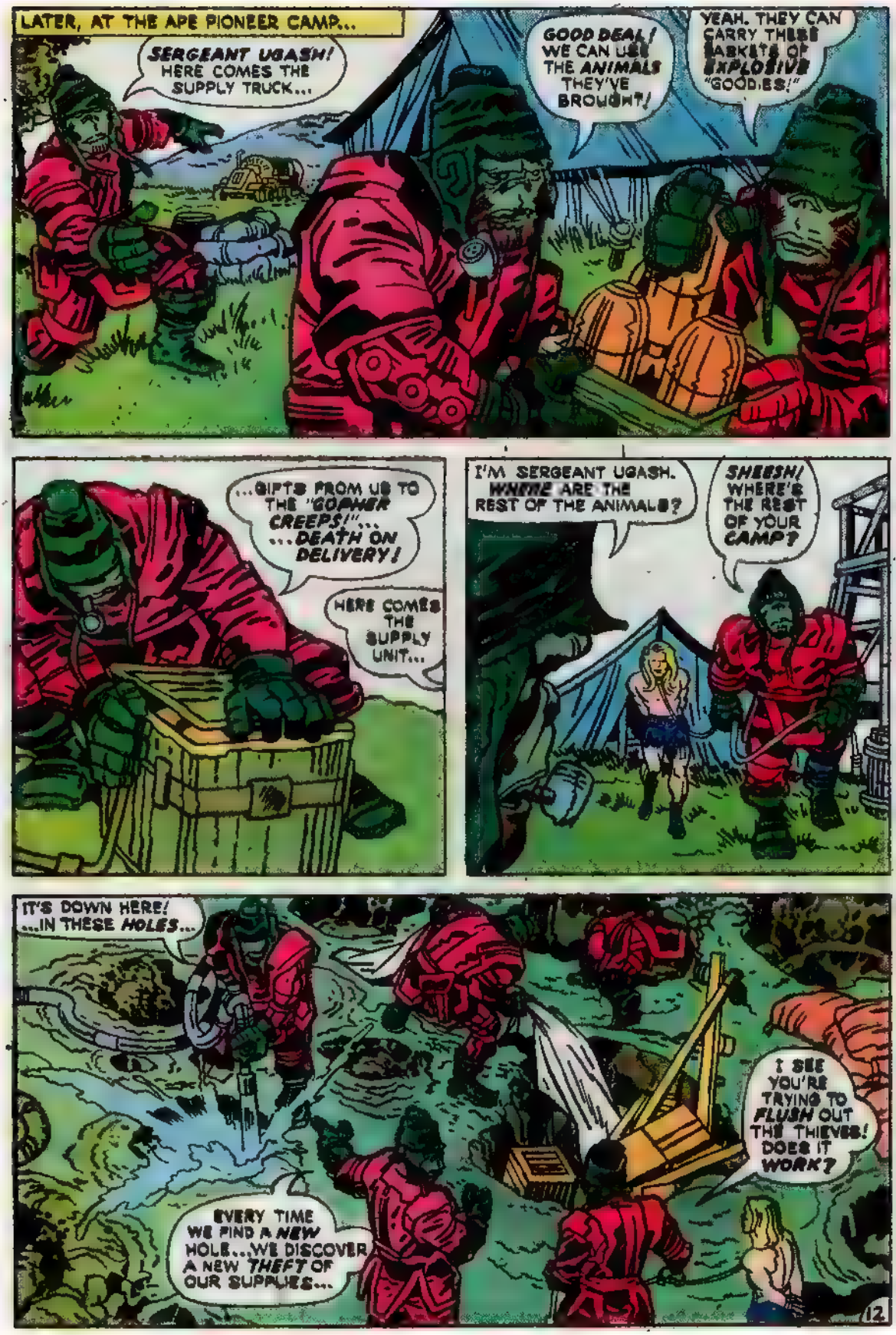
LATER, AT THE APE PIONEER CAMP...
SERGEANT UGASH! HERE COMES THE SUPPLY TRUCK...
GOOD DEAL! WE CAN USE THE ANIMALS THEY'VE BROUGHT!
YEAH. THEY CAN CARRY THESE BASKETS OF EXPLOSIVE "GOODIES!"
...GIFTS FROM US TO THE "GOPHER CREEPS!"... ...DEATH ON DELIVERY!
HERE COMES THE SUPPLY UNIT...
I'M SERGEANT UGASH. WHERE ARE THE REST OF THE ANIMALS?
SHEESH! WHERE'S THE REST OF YOUR CAMP?
IT'S DOWN HERE! ...IN THESE HOLES...
I SEE YOU'RE TRYING TO FLUSH OUT THE THIEVES! DOES IT WORK?
EVERY TIME WE FIND A NEW HOLE...WE DISCOVER A NEW THEFT OF OUR SUPPLIES...
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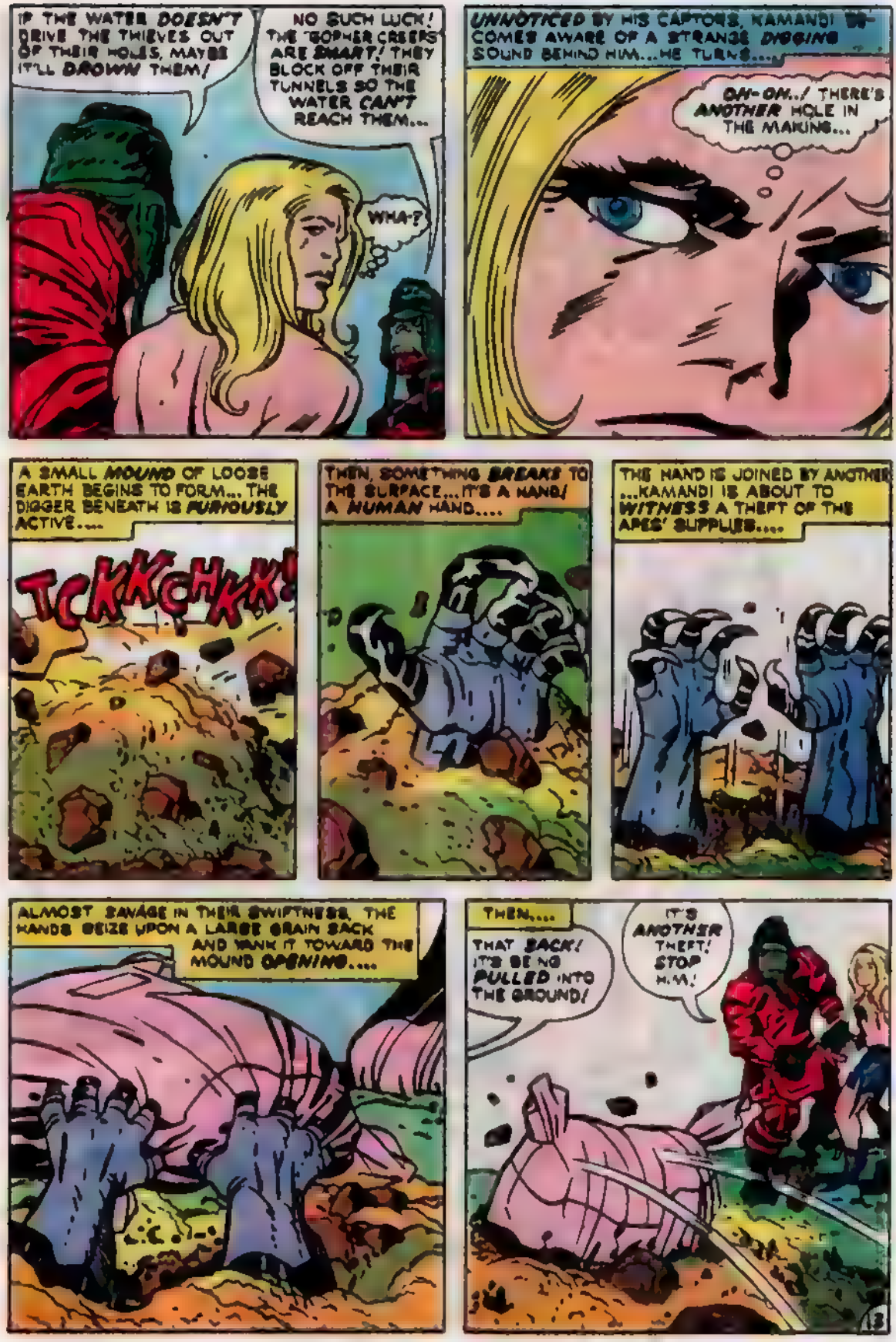
IF THE WATER DOESN'T DRIVE THE THIEVES OUT OF THEIR HOLES, MAYBE IT'LL DROWN THEM!
NO SUCH LUCK! THE GOPHER CREERS ARE SMART! THEY BLOCK OFF THEIR TUNNELS SO THE WATER CAN'T REACH THEM...
WHA-?
UNNOTICED BY HIS CAPTORS, KAMANDI BECOMES AWARE OF A STRANGE DIGGING SOUND BEHIND HIM...HE TURNS...
OH-OH../ THERE'S ANOTHER HOLE IN THE MAKING...
A SMALL MOUND OF LOOSE EARTH BEGINS TO FORM... THE DIGGER BENEATH IS FURIOUSLY ACTIVE....
TCKKCHKK!
THEN, SOMETHING BREAKS TO THE SURFACE...IT'S A HAND! A HUMAN HAND....
THE HAND IS JOINED BY ANOTHER ...KAMANDI IS ABOUT TO WITNESS A THEFT OF THE APES' SUPPLIES....
ALMOST SAVAGE IN THEIR SWIFTNESS, THE HANDS SEIZE UPON A LARGE GRAIN SACK AND YANK IT TOWARD THE MOUND OPENING....
THEN....
THAT SACK! IT'S BE NG PULLED INTO THE GROUND!
IT'S ANOTHER THEFT! STOP H.M.!

THERE IS AN ANGRY, CONCERTED RUSH TO THE MOUND
FIRE INTO THAT OPENING!
NAIL THAT "GOPHER CREEP!"
BAM! BAM! BAM!
THEIR GUNS FAILED... NOW THEY'RE USING FLAME-THROWERS!
OKAY!...KNOCK IT OFF! THOSE "GOPHER CREEPS" HAVE PROBABLY BLOCKED OFF THE FIRE....
WHAT NEXT, SARGE?
HIM! WE'RE GONNA SEND HIM DOWN AMONG THE "GOPHER CREEPS"... WITH A "GIFT" BASKET!
I GET THE IDEA ...IT'S VERY GOOD!
TIE THAT BASKET TO THE ANIMAL'S BACK!
HOLD STILL, YOU...!
...UGH..!
HEH, HEH...THE GREEDY DEVILS WON'T EXPECT THIS....
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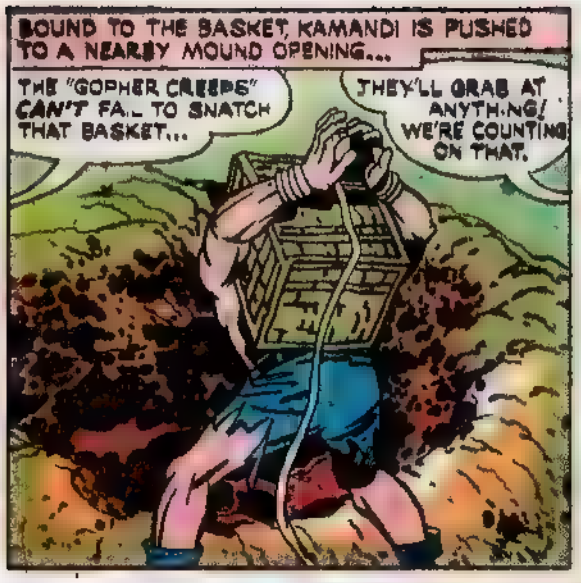
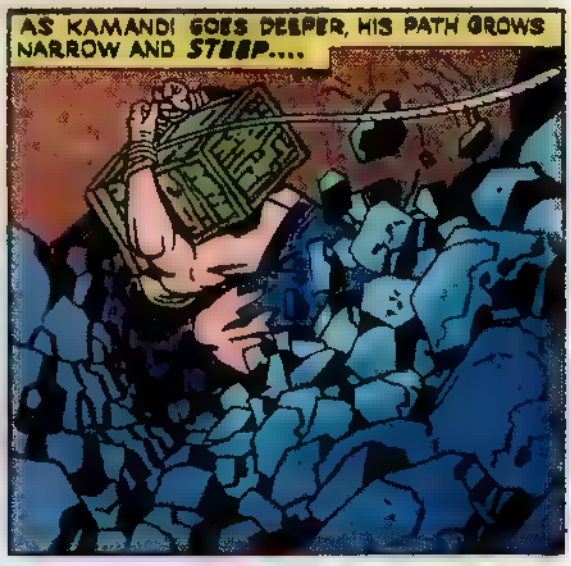
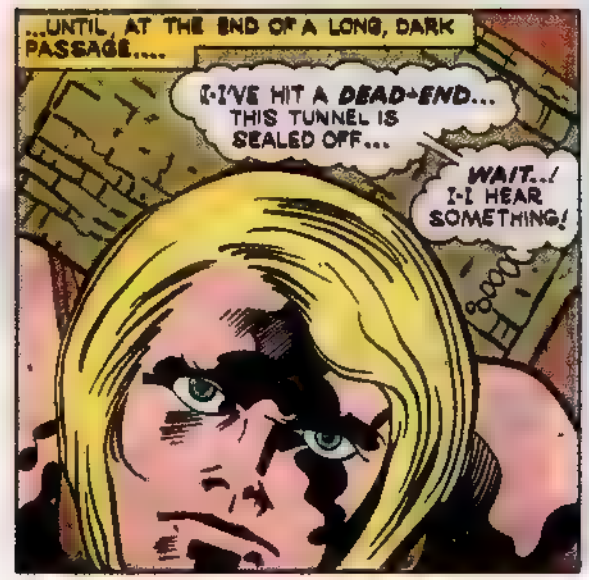
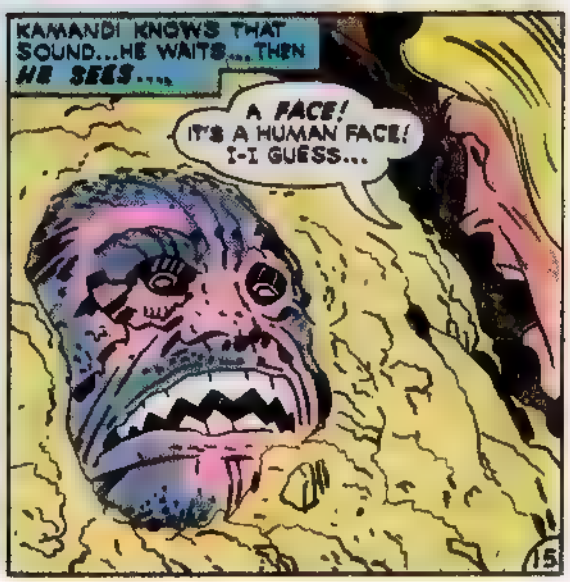

BOUND TO THE BASKET, KAMANDI IS PUSHED TO A NEARBY MOUND OPENING...
THE "GOPHER CREEPS" CAN'T FAIL TO SNATCH THAT BASKET...
THEY'LL GRAB AT ANYTHING! WE'RE COUNTING ON THAT.

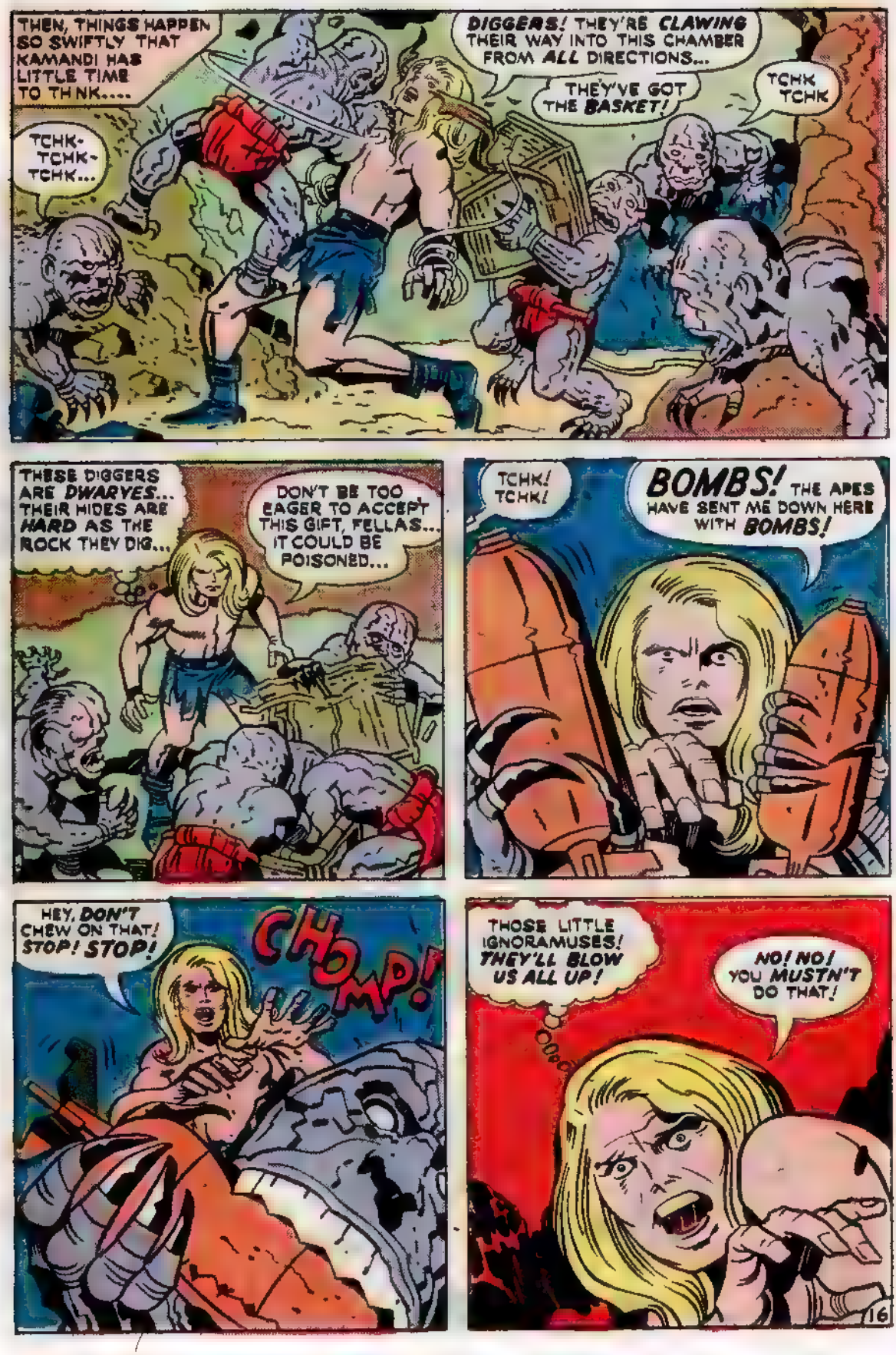
GET GOING, ANIMAL! GO DOWN THERE!
I'M GOING, YOU BLOCKHEADS! BUT ONLY BECAUSE THIS MAY BE MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE!

IF I'M GUESSING RIGHT, THERE MUST BE A NETWORK OF TUNNELS BELOW... AND, PERHAPS, ANOTHER WAY OUT...


AS KAMANDI GOES DEEPER, HIS PATH GROWS NARROW AND STEEP....


...UNTIL, AT THE END OF A LONG, DARK PASSAGE....
I-I'VE HIT A DEAD-END... THIS TUNNEL IS SEALED OFF...
WAIT../ I-I HEAR SOMETHING!


KAMANDI KNOWS THAT SOUND...HE WAITS...THEN HE SEES....
A FACE! IT'S A HUMAN FACE! I-I GUESS...


THEN, THINGS HAPPEN SO SWIFTLY THAT KAMANDI HAS LITTLE TIME TO THINK.....
TCHK-TCHK-TCHK...
DIGGERS! THEY'RE CLAWING THEIR WAY INTO THIS CHAMBER FROM ALL DIRECTIONS...
THEY'VE GOT THE BASKET!
TCHK TCHK
THESE DIGGERS ARE DWARVES... THEIR HIDES ARE HARD AS THE ROCK THEY DIG...
DON'T BE TOO EAGER TO ACCEPT THIS GIFT, FELLAS... IT COULD BE POISONED...
TCHK! TCHK!
BOMBS! THE APES HAVE SENT ME DOWN HERE WITH BOMBS!
HEY, DON'T CHEW ON THAT! STOP! STOP!
CHOMP!
THOSE LITTLE IGNORAMUSES! THEY'LL BLOW US ALL UP!
NO! NO! YOU MUSTN'T DO THAT!
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GET RID OF THEM, FELLAS! THEY'RE BAD, SEE? BAAAD! BAD!
BAD?
BAD! BAD!
OMIGOSH! THEY KNOW THE WORD!
YES! I SAID THEY'RE BAD! BAD!
MEANWHILE, ON THE SURFACE, THE GORILLAS BRACE THEMSELVES FOR THE EXPECTED UNDERGROUND EXPLOSION....
STEADY! IT SHOULD HAPPEN ANY SECOND NOW!
YOU'RE A GENIUS, SARGE... A GENIUS AMONG APES!
BUT, SUDDENLY, BEHIND THE UNSUSPECTING APES, A HOLE APPEARS! AND FROM OUT OF IT COME....
COME ON, BOMBS!
BLOW, DAGNABIT! BLOW!
BLEEOWWW!
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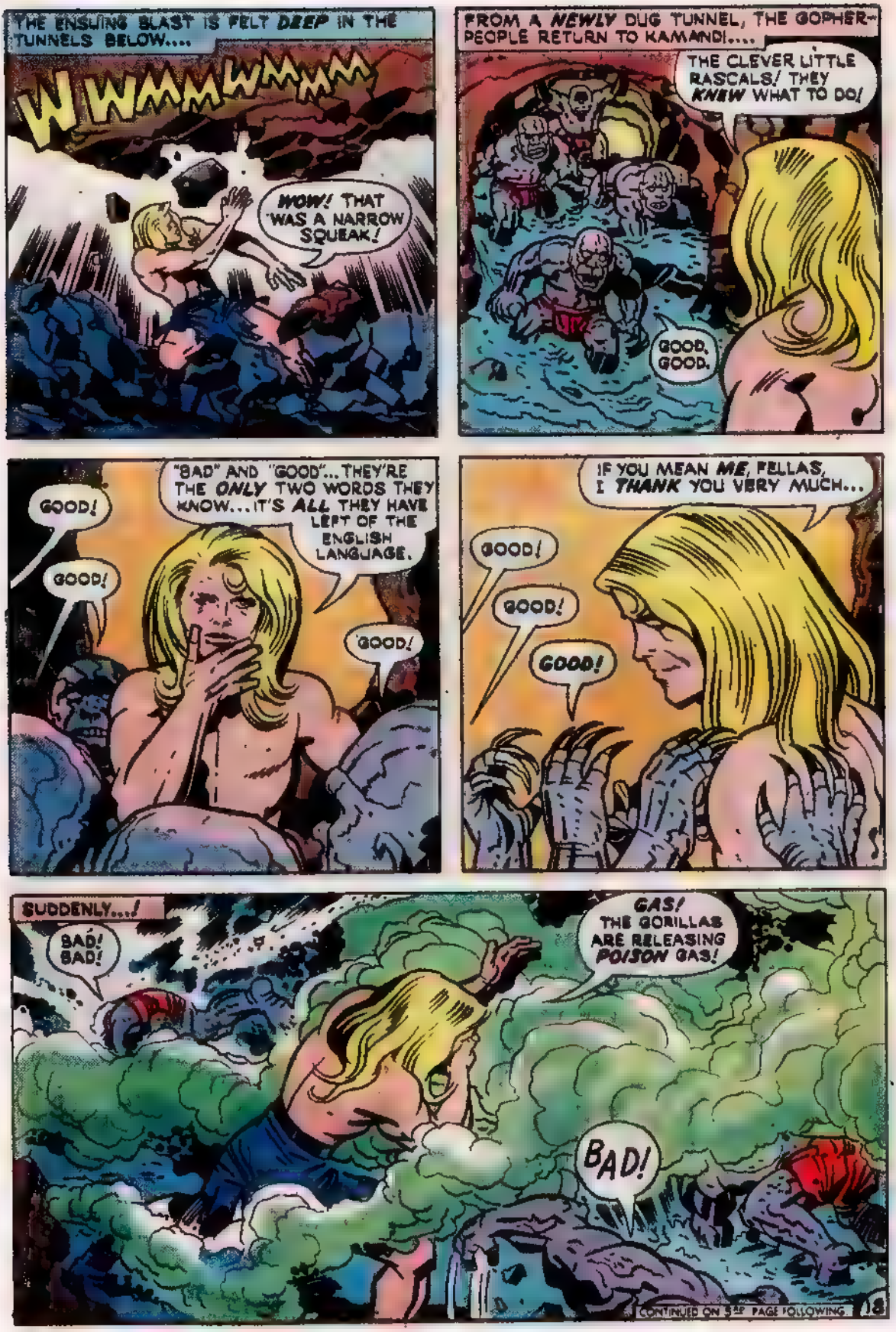
THE ENSUING BLAST IS FELT DEEP IN THE TUNNELS BELOW....
WWMMWMMM
WOW! THAT WAS A NARROW SQUEAK!
FROM A NEWLY DUG TUNNEL, THE GOPHER-PEOPLE RETURN TO KAMANDI....
THE CLEVER LITTLE RASCALS! THEY KNEW WHAT TO DO!
GOOD, GOOD.
GOOD!
GOOD!
"BAD" AND "GOOD"... THEY'RE THE ONLY TWO WORDS THEY KNOW... IT'S ALL THEY HAVE LEFT OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.
GOOD!
IF YOU MEAN ME, FELLAS, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
GOOD!
GOOD!
GOOD!
SUDDENLY...!
BAD! BAD!
GAS! THE GORILLAS ARE RELEASING POISON GAS!
BAD!
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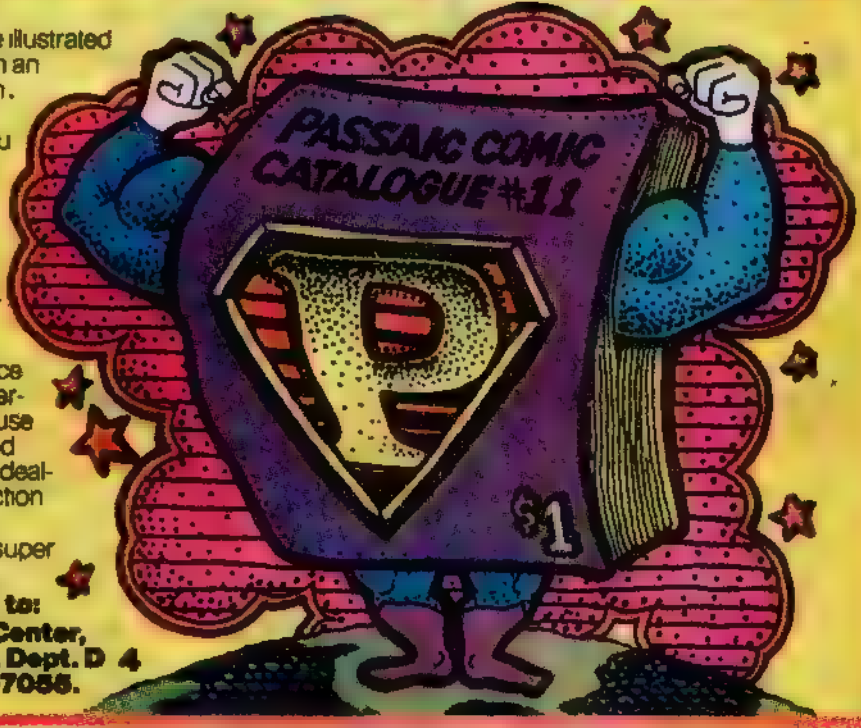

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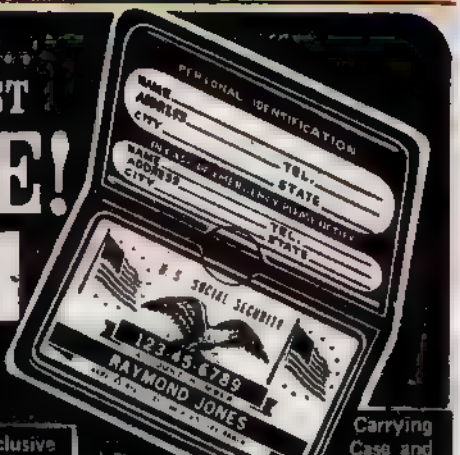

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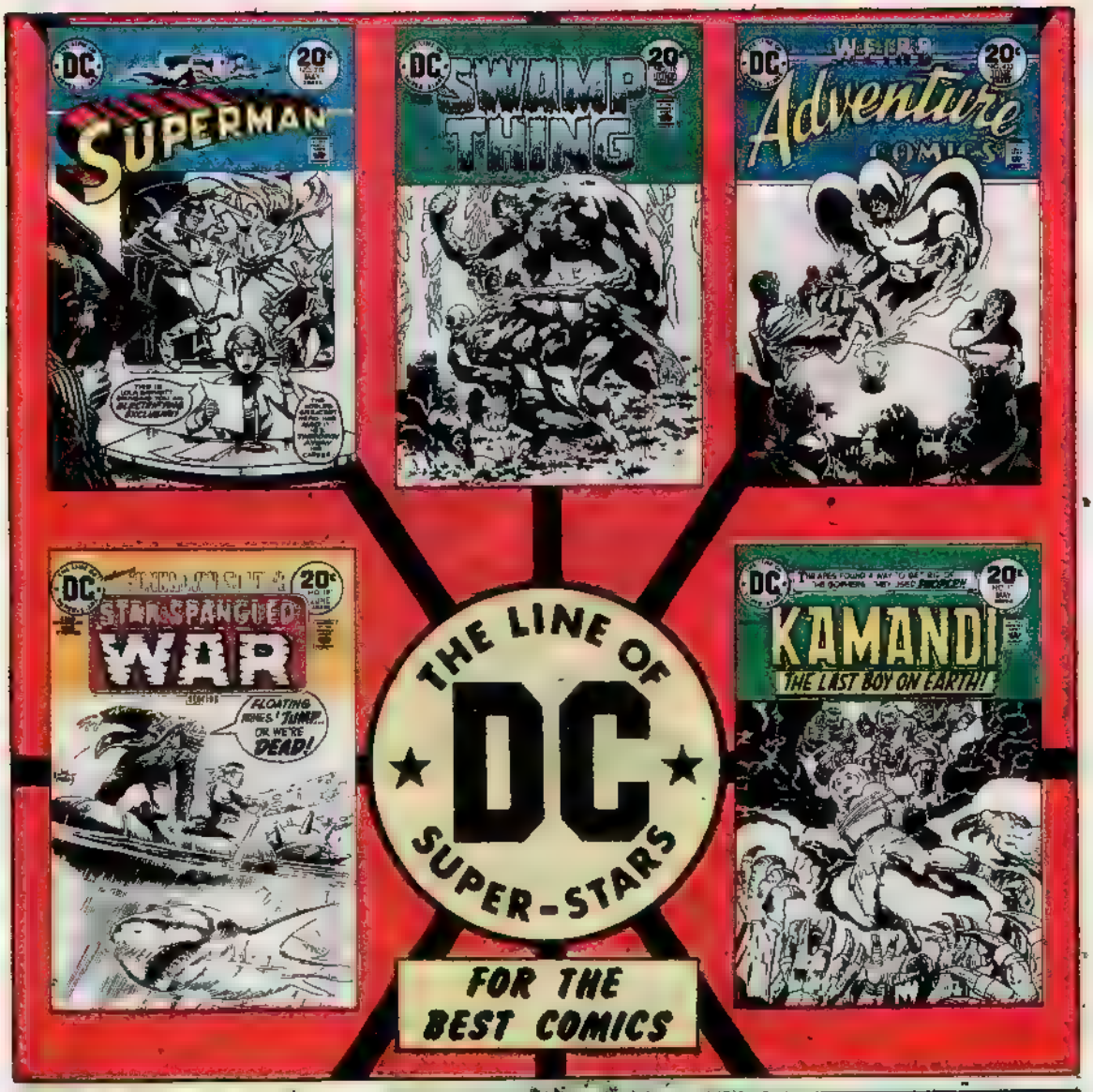

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WHA..?
THEN HE FINDS HIMSELF IN AN ADJOINING CHAMBER....
THE WALL OF EARTH IS QUICKLY SHORED UP TO KEEP THE GAS OUT, AS KAMANDI IS HUSTLED AWAY TO SAFETY.
GOOD.
GOOD! GOOD!
EASY, FELLAS... DON'T PUSH SO HARD..I'LL GO ALONG..
KAMANDI IS TAKEN DEEP INTO THE TUNNELS OF HIS CAPTORS...
THEN....
THE RUINS OF AN OLD FACTORY....BURIED BY THE GREAT DISASTER...
FACTORY
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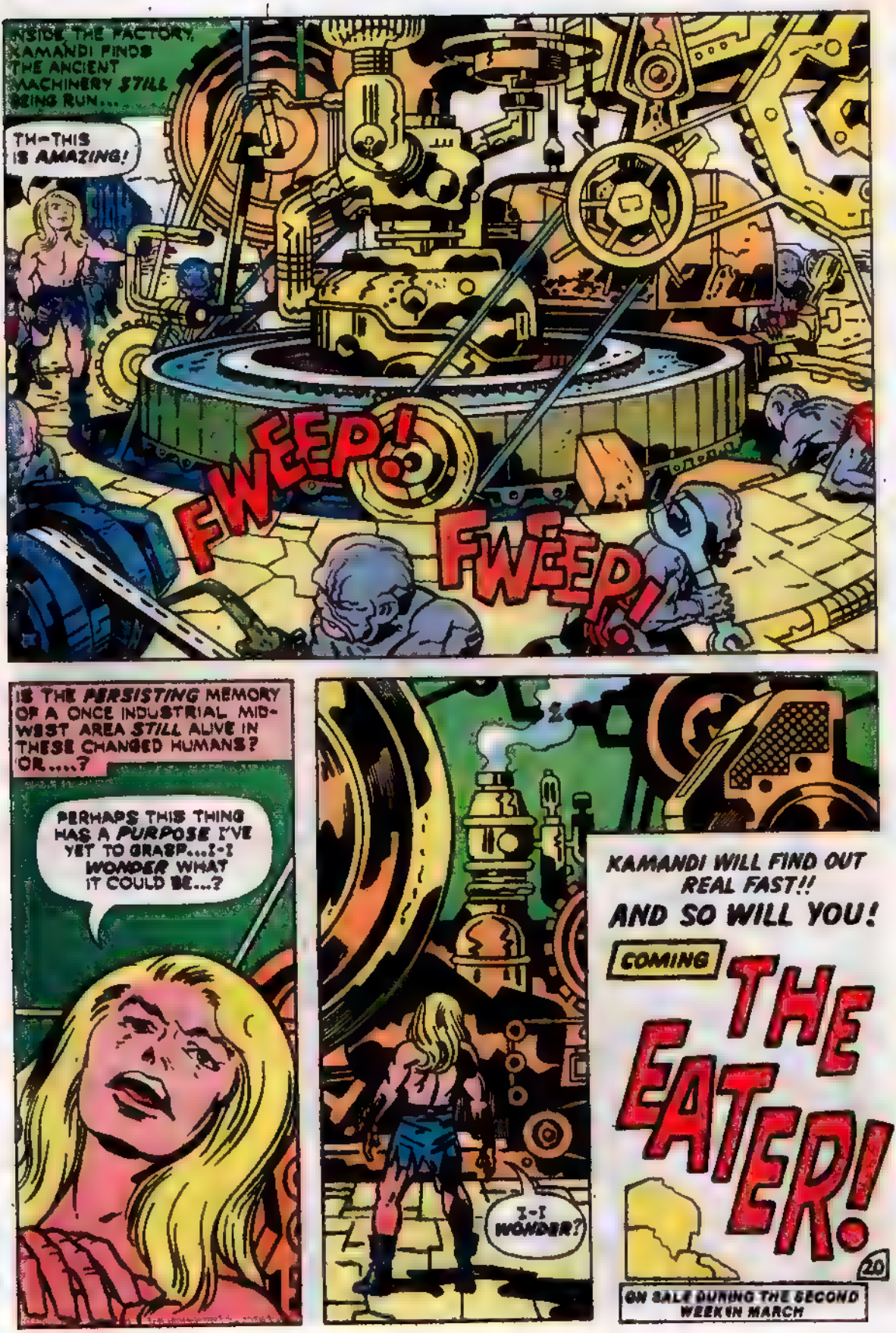
INSIDE THE FACTORY, KAMANDI FINDS THE ANCIENT MACHINERY STILL BEING RUN...
TH-THIS IS AMAZING!
FWEEP!
FWEEP!
IS THE PERSISTING MEMORY OF A ONCE INDUSTRIAL MID-WEST AREA STILL ALIVE IN THESE CHANGED HUMANS? OR....?
PERHAPS THIS THING HAS A PURPOSE I'VE YET TO GRASP...I-I WONDER WHAT IT COULD BE...?
I-I WONDER?
KAMANDI WILL FIND OUT REAL FAST!!
AND SO WILL YOU!
COMING
THE EATER!
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ON SALE DURING THE SECOND WEEK IN MARCH

SUBJECT: ANIMALS THAT STAND ERECT ...
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REASON: CONTINUOUS DRUMBEATING BY MAUDLIN PARTISANS OF SPECIFIC SPECIES, SUCH AS HORSES, COWS, CHICKENS AND WOMBATS ...

Yes, dear readers, I do peruse the letters we receive. And I must say that between the compliments and brickbats there runs an insidious and recurrent allusion to my faulty views on the equality of animals. I find this shocking, of course, considering my unabashed surrender to my daughter's concern for all organic life and ecological balance. Believe me, when I say that this kind of icky reformation is a bitter pill for one who must now politely doff his hat to a passing scorpion or run to the aid of an ant who is stupidly enroute to drowning.

Then why, in the World of Kamandi, do I discriminate among the animals, giving some the intelligence of Man and others less sentient awareness? Why must the stately horse still serve as transportation for a smelly, old gorilla? Why must the bird remain a beautiful dum-dum? And, my answer must be that they don't have to. My personal theory is that all animals have a common link. Thus, if given time and proper circumstance, it's possible for all species to achieve the status or near status of Man

However, that's a sweeping generalization and I can easily be assailed from any quarter by equal counter-logic.

Still, I base my Kamandi premise on a variety of authoritative articles written by qualified men who have speculated on the form life must take in order to acquire intelligence as we know it. Their conclusions are that skeletal structure dictates this phenomenon and the ability to stand erect is a sort of first rung on the I.Q. ladder.

I bought that. I ruminated on its possibilities and strung it all out in the World of Kamandi. It's my job. And it's fascinating to work out this logic in graphic terms.

Think of all the animals that can stand erect and walk like a man and you'll come up with the same characters I have. Think of time and mutational changes that can further enhance the beastly foot and spine so that adaptation to erectness becomes permanent. Who, but the lowly ape, the dog, the cat, the rat and its cousins are more likely candidates for making an effortless transition? There is left field, of course. There's something always going on out there. Destiny holds continual surprises. And, to be frank, I'm not eagerly awaiting any.

To my mind, the hooved animals and our feathered friends would have to undergo changes too extreme in nature in order to reach a civilized statehood. It would pain me to know that a wonderful animal like the horse had endured a millenium of back-aches in order to sit in a chair and drink his coffee at the television set. I would crack up and roll on the floor if a sincere and intelligent turkey were to run for Congress. This reaction would occur despite the fact that he'd probably get my vote.

No, dear friends, I'm attempting to portray my animal-people as logically and objectively as I can. In a few instances, I will dabble with variations such as Kilkiak, the giant insect who has broken the biological size-barrier. With that premise in mind, I visualized him with less legs and a more herd-like instinct, like the horse.

As for old man Sacker, the Snake, he was part possibility and part satire. He will be followed by new variations. The aim is to maintain your interest and to slug it out with your pugnacious combativeness. Keep reading. Keep writing. Keep nit-picking. There's no harm in proving that the human brain works.

Jack Kirby

P.S. This is just a passing thought on the meaning of Kamandi's World. In developing my animal characters, I find myself relating to them with astonishing ease. Once they have acquired human qualities and names, they become real people, friends and enemies, some to be scorned and others to be respected. It seems to me that all of us have been doing this for centuries, forgetting that these creatures are merely animals. From the largest to the smallest, they seek only to survive as best they can. In the scale of things, they are as important to our well being as we can be to theirs. Let's not make them the Kamandis of our world. If you feel like arguing this point, my address is Box 336, Newbury Park, Calif. 91320.

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BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE ATLAS LONG TO DO THIS FOR ME! WHAT MUSCLES! THAT BULLY WON'T SHOVE ME AROUND AGAIN!
THERE'S THAT BIG STIFF AGAIN, SHOWING OFF IN FRONT OF GRACE AND THE CROWD. WELL, IT'S MY TURN THIS TIME!
WHAM! - NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!
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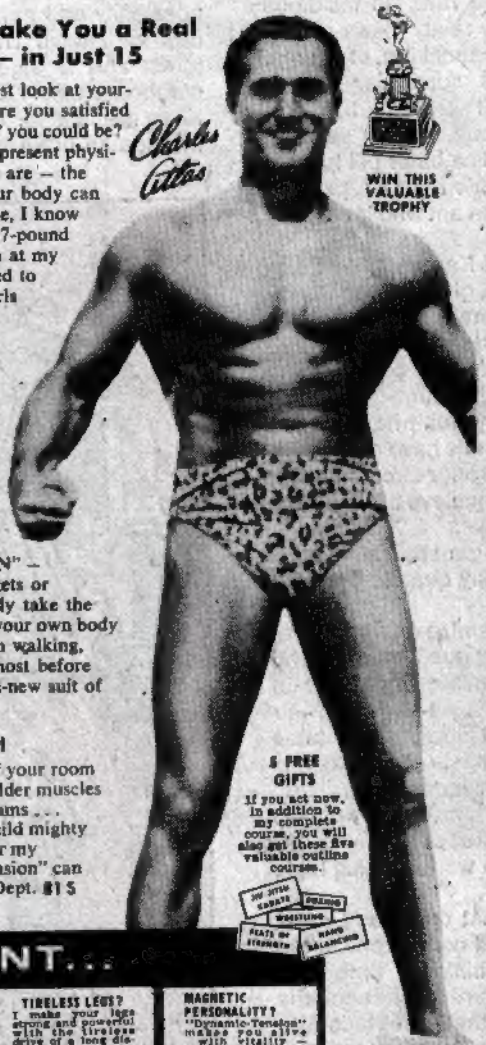

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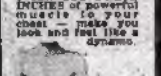

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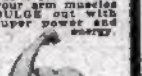

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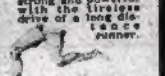

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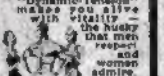

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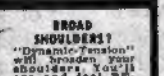

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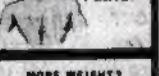

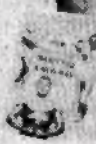

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